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SUBJECT: GERMAN VIEWS ON BLANCHARD CANDIDACY AND OTHER
ILO MATTERS

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L. EMBASSY LABATT INFORMED DR. WINFRID HAASE, DIRECTOR OF THE LABOR MINISTRY'S BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, OF US INTENTION TO SUPPORT BLANCHARD FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ILO (REFTEL). DR. HAASE WELCOMED THE DECISION AND INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH A FORMAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE, THE FRG WILL PROBABLY ALSO SUPPORT BLANCHARD. DR. HAASE DOUBTED THAT THE EUROPEANS WOULD MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO PRESENT A CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THEREBY AVOIDING THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM OF THE SOVIETS AGAIN SEEKING TO ELECT GOROSHKIN. DR. HAASE SAID THAT IF BLANCHARD IS ELECTED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL, THE AFRICANS WOULD PROBABLY SEEK TO HAVE AN AFRICAN ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE FRG HAS NOT DEVELOPED SPECIFIC PLANS FOR THE JUNE 1974 ILO CONFERENCE, SINCE THE MINISTRY HAS BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND POLAND ON A SOCIAL SECURITY TREATY AND BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT IS PLANNING TO ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE.

2. HE COMMENTED THAT THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE WAS HELD WITHOUT SERIOUS POLITICAL CONFLICT, AVOIDING A REPETITION OF THE TENSION AND CONFLICT THAT MARKED LAST YEAR'S ILO CONFERENCE. HE SAID THAT IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE SOVIET BLOC DELEGATES FOLLOWED A SOFT LINE AND WERE REASONABLE DURING THE CONFERENCE AND THAT THE CONFEREES WERE THEREFORE ABLE TO ACT ON THE TECHNICAL LABOR ISSUES ON THE AGENDA WITH LITTLE DIFFICULTY.

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3. HAASE COMPARED THE AMIABLE AND COOPERATIVE ATMOSPHERE OF THE EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING HELD DURING THE ILO EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO THE SPIRIT PREVAILING AT THE TRADE UNION CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID DURING THE ILO CONFERENCE LAST YEAR. HE SAID THAT MORE SUCH TRADE UNION CONTACT IS LIKELY AS DETENTE PROGRESSES.

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